

Section 107

of the Continuing Authorities Program

Small Navigation Projects

At a Glance:

- \$4 million Federal per-project limit.
- First \$100,000 of study is 100% Federal cost.
- Remainder of study is 50/50 cost-sharing.
- Design and Implementation phase cost-sharing varies depending on the depth of dredging.

The Authority. Section 107 of the Continuing Authorities Program was authorized by the River and Harbor Act of 1960. It allows the Corps of Engineers to study, design and construct small commercial navigation projects that have not already been specifically authorized by Congress.

The Process. A Section 107 project has two phases: Feasibility, and Design and Implementation.

During the Feasibility phase, a study is conducted to determine if there is a Federal interest in participating in a project. This is determined by evaluating different alternatives – comparing their costs and benefits and identifying any potential environmental affects. The first \$100,000 of the study is provided by the Federal government. If the study cost exceeds \$100,000 all additional costs must be cost-shared 50/50 with the non-Federal sponsor. If the study determines that there is a Federal interest in building the project (i.e. there is a plan with more benefits than costs and is environmentally acceptable), the project will be approved and Federal funds will be provided to develop plans and specifications.

During the Design and Implementation phase, detailed drawings and descriptions of the project will be developed and the project will be constructed. This phase is cost-shared.

The non-Federal sponsor's cost-sharing requirement varies from 20% to 60%, depending on the depth of dredging, during the Construction phase. At least 10% of the total cost must be contributed in cash but the remainder can be credit for any project lands, easements, rights-of-way, relocations, and disposal sites that the sponsor must provide as items of local cooperation. In addition, the sponsor must agree to operate and maintain the project after completion of construction. Some maintenance dredging may be done by the Corps.

How to Request a Study. If you think you have a navigation project that may fit within Section 107, please contact the St. Louis District at the phone number below. Our Continuing Authorities Program Manager will speak with you and, if warranted, will visit your proposed site to ascertain whether or not your project fits within our authority. If it does, a potential non-Federal sponsor will need to submit a letter requesting that a study be initiated.

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